

Mines of the County

Sandy Harris, who is well known in Kingman, has gone up the Colorado river from Eldorado Canyon for the purpose of prospecting some placer ground that is believed to exist above the Vegas Wash.

Last year Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped 2,000,000 in gold bullion from Kingman station, the bullion coming from various mines in this vicinity. The shipments of base ore passing through here to the smelters was correspondingly large.

D. R. Muir paid a visit to the mines of the Needles Mining & Smelting company this week. Mr. Muir is now located permanently at Goldroad, but has the same general supervision over all the mining camps and Needles smelter.

Thomas McNeely, who has optioned the greater part of his Mineral Park holdings to H. E. Bierce and Roy McCausland, was in Kingman this week closing up the deals. The mines in which he is interested are to be equipped with machinery and the work carried to greater depth.

F. M. Barnes who has held mining property on the Colorado river many years, was in Kingman Thursday last on his way to Chloride, from which point he will go out to the Temple Bar section. He made a trip to the river near Searchlight, where a boat was built and the trip to Needles was made by water route.

John L. Riggs, owner of the chryso-prase gem mines, near the old Walker ranch, completed the assessment work for the past year a week or so ago and reports that he found some excellent stone. The gem stone is one of the handiwork of the green gems and only a few localities in the United States produces it.

Practically all work has been suspended on the mines at Mineral Park, with exception of the drilling operations, the company being desirous of locating a good place for a main working shaft. So far the drill work has been satisfactory, the first hole being in ore below the oxidized zone.

E. A. Shaw, who is interested with Mr. Braley in mines in Bobtail basin, paid the properties a visit last Wednesday. He reports that there is a fine showing of ore in the mines, assays above one hundred dollars in gold having been obtained from the shaft. Other places were found that also carried good gold values.

The miners on the Metallic Accident mine, at Mineral Park, have been laid off for the present, the company operating the property getting in shape to put in machinery in place of hand work. The winze has been sunk from the tunnel level to a depth of eighty feet, the work having all been done in ore of good value.

Jack Hart gladdened the hearts of J. C. Lane and J. W. Morgan this week by bringing in some very rich gold ore from their mines at Cerbat. The ore was taken from the 50 foot shaft and shows free gold all through the rock. Mr. Hart says that the vein is the full width of the shaft and every part of it horns high in gold. The owners are quite jubilant over the strike. The location is west of the Little Flores, and in one of the best gold belts of the range.

J. W. Cornelius has gone back to the mines of the American Metals Mines company, in Deluge Wash, Cedar district, where he is to install a pumping plant to enable them to sink the shaft to a depth of at least 100 feet. At a depth of thirty feet the water came in so strong that the miners were unable to make headway with windlass and bucket. At the depth the shaft was all in ore, the highest value being zinc, assays showing a percentage of thirty-five units.

W. D. Grannis departed Thursday last by automobile stage to his mining camp near the lower end of Deluge Wash, where he has a force of men at work on the old San Antonio mine, which is now being operated under another name. It is said by those familiar with the property that it is one of the most promising in the county, the high values found on the surface following down into the sulphides. The vein is large and aside from the main pay streak the mineral is well disseminated through the whole mass. The work now being done is the driving of an adit drift on the property.

Tennessee Mine Shipping.

Beginning Monday last the Western Railway of Arizona began running two trains daily each way between Kingman and Chloride. The early morning train leaves Kingman about 6:30, returning about twelve o'clock. The afternoon train goes out after the arrival of the east bound passenger train No. 10. The Tennessee mine is shipping four cars of 50 tons each every day, the Golconda two and the Rainbow will be sending out one or two cars daily within the next week. Before many months the road will have to put on heavier motive power to handle the offerings of ore. The rate to the smelter ranges from sixty cents to 3.20 on ores from twelve dollars up. With the lower rate it will make possible the shipment of ores to the big concentrating plant at Needles, where zinc-lead ores may be dressed up.

Desert Power & Water Company.

Yesterday the annual meeting of the Desert Power & Water company was held at the office of the company in Kingman and the old board of directors and officers were reelected. The following gentlemen compose the directorate:

F. A. Wilde, president; J. H. Davidson, vice president; W. A. Richardson, secretary; F. A. Wilde, Jr., treasurer, and W. L. Peters, of Riverside, Cal., director.

During the past year the company has made important improvements in the plant, having installed larger engines and boilers, thereby reducing the cost of generation of electricity materially. At the same time the rate for light was also cut in Kingman and the service bettered.

James Parke, who has been doing a large amount of assessment work on his mining property at Union Pass, formerly the Expansion group, reports that he has sunk a shaft to a depth of 35 feet and opened up a nice body of ore. He brought with him pieces of the rock that showed gold all through it. He has also leveled up a place for the installation of a large hoisting plant and air compressor and other machinery and will soon commence the sinking of the shaft to a depth of 300 or 400 feet. Mr. Parke was one of the large shareholders in the Expansion company and came here to protect his own interests and the interests of his fellow shareholders in this property. It is his intention to reorganize the company and try to make a mine out of the property. He believes the mine is there all right and that only intelligent work is necessary to make it a producer.

Kean St. Charles departed to Chloride Thursday last, where he will resume work on the erection of the Mid-night mill, which he expects to have in running order within the next forty days. The mill will be called on to handle the ores from the Midnight mine. These ores are rather complex, carrying gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc, besides considerable iron. It is thought that the iron and copper, containing the greater part of the precious values, may be thrown together, and no attempt will be made at this time to make a product of the zinc, unless it is found that this can be done with little trouble. The mine has big bodies of ore that can be concentrated to good purpose.

J. M. Whiting came up from the San Francisco mine last evening and reports that two feet of snow fell at that camp during the recent snow storm. All the water pipes at the mine were frozen and men are now employed thawing them out. A good force of miners are kept at work on the mine and the rich ore continues to come to the surface. Shipments of the richest of the ore are being made to the smelter.

A. E. Humphries and J. D. Hawkins, who have been investigating the mines at Mineral Park under contract to the Kingman Copper Mining & Milling company, have returned to Denver. They were well pleased with the country and believe that they will be able to open up something good. The management of the mines is under the charge of H. E. Bierce.

We are informed that the mill at the Mocking Bird mine is now turning out considerable bullion monthly, the plant having been put in excellent condition by A. F. Muter, who went to the property to make the initial run.

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Would Assess Mines on Physical Valuation.

The Gazette, which claims to represent the administration of affairs in Arizona is advocating the assessment of mines on their physical valuation. According to this authority the Copper Queen should be assessed at fifty per cent of its value, which it estimates would be 45,000,000. Other mines would be caught for many millions, the Tom Reed of this county being placed at 10,000,000, the Gold Road at 5,000,000, and so on. In making this estimate of the valuation of the property the Gazette does not take into consideration the investment of millions of dollars in the development of these mines. And on the other hand no one would care whether the mines were so assessed or not, if the farmers and cattlemen were likewise assessed. Take the Salt River valley with its thousands of farms, that the same authority says are worth millions of dollars, and yet only pay a tithe of the tax due from them. Salt River farms ought to be placed on the roll for at least 100,000,000, and with the other classes of property in Maricopa county should bring the entire roll up to at least 140,000,000. There is no doubt that property in Arizona is worth more than one billion dollars, but this estimate should not be saddled onto the mining fraternity, but the other fellow should be caught for his fair share.

A Lucky Investment.

A number of years ago Pat Torley, a well known miner of this county, was employed at one of the mines in the Coeur d'Alene country, of Idaho, and the company being unable to pay the men he took in lieu thereof shares of the stock at five cents per share. For the past two years the company has been trying to get in touch with Mr. Torley to make an offer of 1.55 per share for the stock. The advertisement was called to the attention of Mr. Torley last week, but he has concluded that he will hold on to the shares some time longer. The mine recently has been making a record and the shares of stock are very sure to go much higher in the market. It is seldom that an insolvent company comes back, and when it does there is sure to be an agreeable surprise among the shareholders. Among those owning stock in the company and who have evidently forgotten the incident are two other miners, whose shares are now worth from 1,500\$ to 3,000\$.

W. H. Smith, who has been looking after mining property near the old McCracken mine, came up from that section a few days ago. He reports little snow in the south part of the county, but that the mountains are well covered with a blanket of the beautiful. Shipments of ore are being made from some of the properties now owned by Mr. Smith, the work being under leases.

Labor Law Defining Obtaining of Labor by False Pretenses.

One of the enactments of the last session of the Arizona Legislature was that relating to the obtaining of labor under or by false pretenses. The act is a very comprehensive one, and from its letter we would judge that each and every mining and other corporation and individual is required to keep on hand within the state at least two weeks wage with which to meet the bi-monthly payroll. This is the law to which we made reference during the campaign, which to us, was a greater protection of labor than any other measure that could have been passed. Many of the corporations, as a consequence, are banking sufficient funds in the local banks to take care of the payroll, and practically all the others are making arrangements to comply with the law. The following is the statute in full:

Sec. 1. Any person, persons, partnership, association, company, or corporation, (his or its officers, directors, or agents), who or which shall employ upon wages any person or persons in any occupation, and who or which at the time of employing such person or persons shall not have sufficient assets within the state, over and above the exemption allowed by law, to cover the amount of wages accruing to said employee or employees for the term of two (2) weeks, and who shall make any false representation, or pretenses as to having such assets, and who after labor has been done under such employment by said employee or employees shall fail upon the discharge or resignation of such employee or employees, or for a period of five days after such wages are legally payable, to pay such employee or employees on demand the wages due said employee or employees for such labor, shall be deemed guilty of obtaining labor under false pretense, and, upon conviction therefor shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding three (3) times the amount of the wages so due, and upon the facts being shown shall be liable to the plaintiff, in civil process for the collection of said wages, for the amount of said wages and costs of recovery including a reasonable compensation to plaintiff for time lost and an attorney's fee to be fixed by the judge who hears the case.

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Call Annual Meeting of the Arizona Good Roads Association.

The annual meeting of the Arizona Good Roads Association is hereby called to be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, in the city of Phoenix, on the 10th day of February, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Each County Board of Supervisors is entitled and requested to appoint 3 delegates; each incorporated city or town 2 delegates; each board of trade and civic body 2 delegates; each local road association 2 delegates; and each automobile club or association 2 delegates.

It is earnestly hoped that delegates be selected, who will be in attendance, as far as possible, in order that a full delegation may be present.

The meeting is called near the convening of the Legislature, in the hope that the Association may be of some assistance in the consideration of proposed road laws.

The Executive Committee has asked the circulation of petitions for signatures of voters and taxpayers showing their view with reference to a bond issue for the purpose of completing the present projected State Highways and the construction and maintenance of a complete system of State Highways connecting county seats of the several counties of Arizona with each other or with State Highways.

It is requested that all voters and taxpayers may express themselves as far as possible on the subject and that we may be able to make substantial progress in the consideration of road problems at our annual meeting.

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Stockholders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Juno Mining company will be held at Mrs. S. M. Loy's house, on the north side of Tennessee Avenue, Chloride, Mohave county, Arizona, on the 18th day of February, 1913, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as shall come before the meeting.

SOPHY M. LOY, President,
WM. MILLER, Secretary.
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